

**REMARKS**

This application is being filed concurrently with the entry of the National Stage (Chapter I) of International Application No. PCT/GB2003/005375 which claims the priority of Great Britain Patent Application No. 0229356.1 under 35 USC 119.

This Preliminary Amendment was considered when calculating the filing fee. Accordingly, the total number of claims specified on the Transmittal Letter is 17 and the number of independent claims is 2.

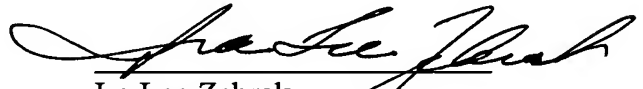
Applicant has amended claims 1-14 primarily to eliminate multiple dependencies and to use "the" instead of "said." Applicant has also added new claims 15-17.

Applicant has further amended claim 11 to claim a "molecular drag pumping mechanism." Support for amended claim 11 is on page 4 lines 10-14, page 10 lines 15-17 and Figure 1 of the Specification as filed. Accordingly, no new matter has been introduced.

It is not believed at this time that any additional fee is due. As a precaution, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 02-2865 any additional fee required by this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

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